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Dear Harold:

When I got your first letter I read it, put it on my desk and made a note to do something about it when I could.

At that time my most important client was in the hospital and his company with over 600 employees required my daily attention. After 43 days he died. I now spend most of every day in his office and try to meet other obligations to other clients on matters already started, when I can.

I have taken no new cases and I am reaching a point of utter exhaustion. Believe me it is not a matter of making money. I would cheerfully do with a bare living. But it is a matter of obligations to other people who are depending on me.

I have just reread your second letter and I gather that you are suggesting that I be your attorney of record but that you would not expect me to "do any work in Court." Aside from the fact that I can't make head or tail of the things you are talking about so that I would have to spend several days checking into them myself (an absolute impossibility at this time and for some time to come), I must tell you that the requirement that you have local counsel is not just an empty formality. The Court insists on having some responsible person in the jurisdiction and that is local counsel. I would be doing you no service simply to appear for you; and the Court would not let me get away with it either.

I can understand your bitterness about friends who are so busy enjoying their prosperity they have no time to help others, if you assume that that is what I'm doing. All I can say is that it's not true and I'm sorry you assume it is.

Good luck

